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1. THE NATIONAL IRANIAN OIL COMPANY HAS NOMINATED MR. S.B. HARIRI AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE MULTI-REGIONAL ENERGY PROJECT. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT HARIRI IS EXTREMELY WELL QUALIFIED FOR THE SUBJECT PROGRAM AND WE RECOMMEND THAT HE BE SELECTED.

2. HARIRI IS 35 YEARS OLD AND HAS WORKED FOR NIOC ALMOST 14 YEARS. HE OBTAINED A B.S. IN GENERAL ENGINEERING FROM ABADAN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AND HE HAS PARTICIPATED IN A NUMBER OF POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND SEMINARS. HARIRI'S CURRENT POSITION IS MANAGER OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT STUDIES IN THE NIOC OFFICE OF OVERSEAS JOINT VENTURE PROJECTS. THIS OFFICE IS AN ACTIVE ONE WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR IRANIAN PARTICIPATION IN JOINT VENTURES IN INDIA (AN ONGOING REFINERY AND FERTILIZER PLANT), SOUTH KOREA (WHERE A 60,000 BPD REFINERY IS BEING CONSTRUCTED), SOUTH AFRICA (THE SASSOLBERG REFINERY), AND SENEGAL (WHERE AN IRANO-SENEGALESE 50-50 JOINT COMPANY HAS BEEN FORMED TO BUILD AND OPERATE A REFINERY AND A PHOSPHATE MINE). HARIRI IS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARING AND EVALUATING THE ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL STUDIES RELATIVE TO THE PRECEDING INVESTMENTS AS  
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WELL AS FUTURE INVESTMENTS BY NIOC IN DOWNSTREAM OPERATIONS OVERSEAS. FINALLY, HARIRI HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A COMER BY HIS SUPERIORS.

3. HARIRI'S MAJOR INTERESTS ARE FIRST, ENERGY/ECONOMIC ISSUES, ESPECIALLY AS RELATED TO OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT; AND SECONDLY, PRODUCTION AND RESEARCH RELATED TO OIL AND GAS. SECONDARY

INTERESTS ARE ENERGY CONSERVATION AND ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES.  
NO SPECIFIC U.S. CONTACTS WERE REQUESTED BY HARIRI OR NIOC.

4. NIOC IS WILLING TO PAY FOR HARIRI'S INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, NIOC IS ANXIOUS TO KNOW ASAP (1) IF AND WHEN HARIRI'S CANDIDACY HAS BEEN ACCEPTED, AND (2) ADDITIONAL DETAILS ABOUT PROGRAM CONTENT, ITINERARY, ETC. PLEASE ADVISE.

5. ATOMIC ENERGY ORGANIZATION OF IRAN HAS APRIL 20 NOMINATED DR. HOSSEINZADEH TAHERI AS THE AEOI CANDIDATE FOR THE SUBJECT PROJECT. TAHERI IS SPECIAL CONSULTANT ON ENERGY MATTERS REPORTING DIRECTLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY DR. AKBAR ETEMAD, PRESIDENT OF AEOI.

6. DR. TAHERI WAS BORN DECEMBER 10, 1944. HE HAS A B.S. IN PHYSICS FROM TABRIZ UNIVERSITY, IRAN, AND A PH.D. IN PHYSICS FROM UNIVERSITY OF LONDON. HE PREVIOUSLY WAS 1-1/2 YEARS IN U.S. AS VISITING SCHOLAR AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CALIFORNIA. BECAUSE OF GROWING IMPORTANCE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IN IRAN, AND INCREASING ACTIVENESS OF DR. ETEMAD IN INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FORUMS, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO NOMINATION OF DR. TAHERI.  
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